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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS

REF: SAIGON 9723

1. OCT 29 POLAD DISCUSSED LOWER HOUSE ELECTION RESULTS BRIEFLY WITH HO CONG THUONG. THUONG IS A MEMBER OF KY BO VNQDD CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND WAS A LOSING CANDIDATED (PLACED SEVENTH WITH 8,863 VOTES OR 10.7 PCT) FOR LOWER HOUSE IN DANANG.

2. THUONG, A LONG TIME VNQDD PARTY WORKDER, IS VERY DISCOURAGED BY VNQDD SHOWING IN RECENT ELECTIONS. THUONG CLAIMS THAT "KY BO" VNQDD WON FOUR SEATS IN I CORPS (2 IN QUANG NAM AND 2 IN QUNG TIN) BUR SERIOUS DIVISION IN PARTY PREVENTED ANY SIGNIFICAT SUCCESS NATIONALLY.

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3. BOTH PHAN THONG AND NGUEYN MAU WERE KY BO CANDIDATES IN QUANG TIN. PREVIOUSLY MAU WAS A CANDIDATE ON ONE OF THREE "COCONUT TREE" ALL VIET NAM BLOC UPPER HOUSE LISTS. HOWEVER, HIS DOCUMENTATION WAS INCOMPLETE AND HE WAS DISQUALIFIED. MAU RESOVED PROBLEM OF DOCUMENTATION AND RAN IN "KY BO" STRONGLHOLD IN QUANG TIN.

4. ALTHOUGH OTHER VNQDDMEMBERS RAN IN PROVINCE, THEY RAN ON OWN AND NOT WITH "OFFICIAL" PARTY SANCTION. PARTICULARLY FORMER CA EPTY VO NGOC TRAC WAS DROPPED FOR POOR SHOWING IN CA.

5. COMMENT: THIS CORRECTS PREVIOUS FACTION AFFILIATIONS REPORTED FOR MAU AND THONG.

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